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In the Claims:

Amendments are presented in the claims as set forth below in a complete listing of the pending claims. The amendments include no new matter and are fully supported in the application as filed. Claims 11-41 are cancelled without prejudice.

1.(currently amended) A soffit panel for covering the underside of a building's roof overhang between an exterior wall of the building and roof fascia, said soffit panel consisting of:

a first member having a first soffit portion including a proximal periphery and a generally parallel and spaced apart distal periphery extending along a lengthwise dimension of said soffit panel first member, and having a fascia portion coextensive with the soffit portion extending along the distal periphery and extending positioned at an angle generally upwardly therefrom relative to the first soffit portion for fastening said first member to the roof fascia; and

a second member ~~connected to said first member and~~ having a second soffit portion and a flange portion extending generally at an angle from relative to the second soffit portion of said first member for fastening the soffit panel to a side the external wall of a the building, said second member being adjustably connected connectable to said first member so that the width of the soffit panel is adjustable responsive adjusts to variations in distance between the side of the building and the roof fascia.

2.(currently amended) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein said second member includes a channel for therein engaging the proximal periphery of the soffit portion thereby adjustably connecting the first member to the second member ~~so that the width of the soffit~~

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~~panel is adjustably responsive to variations in distance between the side of the building and the roof fascia.~~

3.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the soffit portion includes at least one opening for ventilation.

4.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the soffit portion further comprises a drip lip to help prevent water from running along the soffit portion toward the side of the building.

5.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein said soffit panel further comprises sheet metal.

6.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the soffit panel comprises aluminum sheet metal.

7.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the fascia portion is dimensioned to serve as the roof fascia.

8.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the flange portion extends generally upwardly from the soffit portion.

9.(previously presented) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the lengthwise dimension is sufficient to provide a continuous soffit panel for one wall of a building.

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10.(currently amended) A soffit panel for the underside of a building's roof overhang between an exterior wall of the building and roof fascia, said soffit panel consisting of:

a first member having a soffit portion, and a fascia portion positioned at an angle relative to the soffit portion for fastening said first member to the roof fascia;
and

a second member having a channel wherein a periphery of said first member is adjustably engaged engageably received to thereby connect the first member to the second member, the engagement of said first member in said channel having sufficient variability so that the width of the soffit panel is thereby adjustably responsive to variations in distance between the side exterior wall of the building and the roof fascia.

11-41.(cancelled)

42.(new) A building comprising the soffit panel of claim 1.

43.(new) A method of constructing a building, the method comprising installing the soffit panel of claim 1.

44.(new) A building comprising the soffit panel of claim 10.

45.(new) A method of constructing a building, the method comprising installing the soffit panel of claim 10.